

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
February 3, 2011
Minutes**

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Min Lin

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Vinton School students participating in the Vinton Mileage Club discussed their accomplishments with sponsoring teachers, Jennifer Zugarazo and Justin Monahan introducing the program.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from the Republican Town Committee recommending Ed Neumann to fill the Board of Education vacancy. Letter from Bryan Salai concerning snow and ice conditions on school roofs.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to add discussion regarding filling the vacancy left by Chris Kueffner's resignation on the Board as an agenda item. VOTE Unanimous in favor.

VINTON PTA: Sarah Delia and Lisa Drzewiecki, Co-Presidents discussed fund raising activities sponsored by the PTO to support enrichment activities at Vinton School. They also asked the Board to consider the Vinton School site as an option in the School Building Project and to consider using some or a portion of February vacation to make up snow days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: School Building Committee: Mr. LaPlaca updated the Board on the progress of the committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- 2011-2012 School Calendar – MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews, to adopt the proposed 2011-2012 School Calendar. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- 2010-2011 School Calendar – MOTION by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Ms. Matthews to amend the 2010-2011 School Calendar as below: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
 - Shorten the February vacation from a full week to Monday, February 21st and Tuesday, February 22nd adding three student school days.
 - Make March 21st a student school day, moving the Professional Development Day for teachers to the end of the school year.
 - Shorten the total instructional days from 183 days to 182 days.
- Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF): The CCJEF meeting has not been rescheduled.
- Summer Enrichment Program: Mr. Baruzzi presented a report by Melissa Mitchell regarding the Summer Enrichment Program with Renzulli Learning.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed one additional proposal which will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- 2009-2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, reviewed the auditor's report to the Town Council.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – Regular Programs/Middle School/Elementary Schools: The building principals reviewed the programs and answered questions from the Board.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – District Management: The Superintendent reviewed the section and answered questions from the Board.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – Support Services – The Director of Special Education and Student Support Services reviewed the section and answered questions from the Board.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Replacement of Board Member, Chris Kueffner: MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to appoint Ed Neumann to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy left by Chris Kueffner's resignation, until the next election. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms Patwa that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of February 3, 2011 be approved or received for the record:

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 20, 2011 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jennifer Hill, Special Education teacher at Goodwin School effective immediately.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Mrs. Adamczyk and Dr. Leclerc discussed the "Hoops for Hurlock" fund raiser at the Middle School.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Report from the Policy Committee regarding future school calendars and making up snow days.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to move to Executive Session at 10:40pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Executive Session: Discussion regarding strategy with respect to pending complaint/litigation; complaint filed with Office of Civil Rights, No. 01-10-1269

Returned to open session at 10:58pm

MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded Mr. Walikonis, adjourn at 10:58pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk